



C-SPAN Announces *America's Book Club*: The Power of Ideas

David M. Rubenstein to Host Live Conversations with Leading Authors at Iconic Libraries and Landmarks; Series Premieres this Fall on C-SPAN

Washington, DC (August 25, 2025) – This fall, C-SPAN is launching *America's Book Club*, a dynamic new weekly primetime television series hosted by renowned author, civic leader, and interviewer David M. Rubenstein.

C-SPAN will tape *America's Book Club* before audiences at some of the nation's most iconic public libraries and cultural landmarks—repositories of our nation's history and ideas—including the Library of Congress, the Folger Shakespeare Library, the Enoch Pratt Library, and the National Archives. Each week, viewers will be invited into thought-provoking conversations with leading authors, policymakers, business innovators, and cultural figures—exploring the ideas that shaped America's past, challenge the nation's present, and inspire our future.

Guests and historic venues for the initial season include:

- U.S. Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett at the Library of Congress
- John Grisham at the Library of Congress
- Henry Louis Gates at the Library of Congress
- David Grann at the Folger Shakespeare Library
- Arthur Brooks at the Library of Congress
- Walter Isaacson at the National Archives
- Stacy Schiff at the National Archives
- José Andrés at the Library of Congress

"Books provide the foundation of American ideals, progress, and vision," said Rubenstein. "Since I was a youngster growing up in Baltimore, books have fueled my imagination and knowledge. I look forward to sharing these ideas with others."

America's Book Club will be a key component of C-SPAN's *America 250* programming, a network-wide, multi-platform initiative dedicated to honoring, exploring and celebrating the 250th birthday of the nation. Through both initiatives C-SPAN will provide unrivaled

access to historic sites, founding documents, and rare treaties across the nation. The network will have the most comprehensive and immersive coverage of America 250 celebrations on television.

"C-SPAN is taking an ambitious step forward with *America's Book Club*" said C-SPAN CEO Sam Feist. "We are proud to launch a flagship series featuring guests of the highest stature in American letters and public thought, interviewed by David Rubenstein, a lover of history and an engaging interviewer. This program is a landmark cultural initiative designed to inspire, inform, and engage viewers with the ideas and thought leaders shaping our nation's future."

C-SPAN veteran Peter Slen, who has been Senior Executive Producer of *Book TV* for nearly two decades, and Marie Arana, noted author, former editor of *The Washington Post* Book World and inaugural literary director of the Library of Congress will serve as senior executive producers of *America's Book Club*. Peter and Marie are leading an experienced team of journalists and producers to bring the program to life. C-SPAN recently hired 25-year CNN veteran Brian Rokus as senior producer on this much anticipated program.

In addition to television, *America's Book Club* will be accessible from the C-SPAN archive, C-SPAN Radio, the C-SPAN Now app, and as a podcast series.

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